

Highest priority cities for travel in USSR during 1956 are:

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| 1. Otpor (Manchuria station) | Border transfer installations, traffic |
| * 2. Sayn Shanda (Mongolia) | Oil movement - direction, amount |
| * 2a. Ulan Bator (Mongolia) | General traffic and coal movement
Dieselization of RR |
| 2b. Ulan Ude | Terminus-Mongolian traffic |
| 3. Grodekovo (Pogranichnaya) | Border transfer installations, traffic |
| 4. Chita | Trans-Siberian traffic, foreign trade
with China |
| 5. Semipalatinsk | Traffic Turk-Sib line |
| 5a. Sary Osek | Off-loading point for traffic destined
for China |
| 6. Temir-Tau (near Karaganda) | Large steel works started |
| 6a. Karaganda | Coal production, rail traffic |
| 7. Salekhard | Traffic across Ob River on ferry,
rail traffic on Salekhard-Igarka line |
| 8. Vorkuta | Coal traffic, data on traffic to Salekhard
and east, rail line building to Urals |
| 8a. Kotlas | Coal traffic |
| 9. Temir-Tau (on Stalinsk branch) | Heavy industry, traffic, electrification |
| 9a. Stalinsk | |
| 10. Baku | POL rail traffic |
| 11. Almolinsk | South Sib and Karaganda railroad traffic |
| 12. Komsomolsk | General RR activities, river activities,
traffic |
| 12a. Khabarovsk | Headquarters Far East Railroad |
| 13. Brest | Transloading station between Poland and USSR |
| 14. Yakutsk | Is there any railroad construction or
existing RR here? |
| 15. Osetrovo | Transfer point to Lena, traffic |
| 15a. Ust Kut - (east of Tashet) | |
| 16. Ufa | POL movement and electrification of RR,
general main line traffic |
| 17. Kulunda-Barnaul-Stalinsk
(South Siberian RR) | Inspection, traffic |
| 18. Blagoveshchensk | Port facilities, traffic transferred, rail
to river and reverse, river traffic, timber
floating |

* Reported that line between Mongolia and China will be opened to passenger and freight traffic 1 January 1956.

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19. Kemerovo RR to Anshero Sudzhensk (?), traffic, particularly chemicals
20. Alma Ata RR to China
21. Makhodka Port installations, traffic
22. Tomsk Traffic on branch line, extensions of branch
23. Guryev New RR from Astrakhan and Chardshou
24. Tashkent POL movement from Krasnovodsk
25. Termez Traffic to Afghanistan
26. Odessa RR layout in town, port facilities
27. Kharkov Traffic counts - totals, type of car, type of load when visible
28. Minsk Is construction of RR facilities complete or continuing? Traffic counts on trips, passenger traffic, number of passenger trains per day
29. Kiev Same as Minsk - Note type of manufactured goods moving on open cars.
30. Rnybychev Are there signs of electrification planning or construction? Port and transfer facilities activity, type of through RR traffic - volume, bridges over Volga
31. Rostov Port transfer facilities and activity
32. Voronezh Bridges over Don, traffic activity
33. Archangel Traffic on line, Moscow - Archangel
- 33a. Murmansk Traffic on line, Leningrad - Murmansk
Note particularly whether covered hoppers or gondolas are used.
34. Leningrad Trip usually made at night. If a daytime trip can be made, please take a traffic count of freight and passenger cars.
35. Astrakhan Bridge across Volga, stations - passenger and freight, river and sea transloading facilities and activity. Is service, either passenger or freight, moving on line to Guryevsk?
36. Stalingrad Traffic

If trip to Astrakhan is made, activities and special type trains should be checked around Kapustin Yar.

Repeated reporting on railroad traffic is necessary on the lines leading to the Soviet border, particularly to Brest, and on the Trans-Siberian railroad, to provide indications of Soviet intentions.

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